# December KDS KRAZ





For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks. Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by the office at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250.



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Series of events for dogs and their families at Ferguson Dog Park!

No fee but donations are encouraged.

Yappy Howl-idays! • December 8 • 1-3 p.m. Ferguson Dog Park, 4300 N. Stone Mill Rd.

It's a howliday pawty at the dog park! Join the fun with holiday festivities and photos with Santa Paws!

Dogs must be spayed or neutered, and up to date on all vaccinations. Visit bloomington.in.gov/dogpark for a list of dog park rules. Proceeds from Yappy Hours events are used to help fund Ferguson Dog Park amenities.



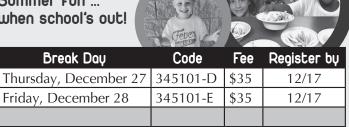
Community Events Hotline: 812-349-3754 For more information, call 812-349-3700 or visit bloomington.in.gov/parks.



Summer fun ... when school's out!

Break Day

Wednesday, January 2



\$35

12/17

Thursday, January 3 345101-G \$35 12/17 345101-H \$35 Friday, January 4 12/17 Allison-Jukebox Community Center,

351 S. Washington St. • 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

345101-F

Break Days are for students in grades K-6. Registration fee is \$35/student/day. There is a \$5 late fee applied to registrations received after the deadline as space allows. Students bring their own lunches.

To register, visit bloomington.in.gov/break-days to download the registration and health forms. Register in person at the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office inside City Hall.

Break Days are inclusive, serving camp-ready children with and without disabilities. Reasonable accommodation requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the registration deadline. Scholarships for Break Days are available through the Bloomington Parks Foundation. The deadline to apply for Break Days scholarships is one week prior to the registration deadline.

For more information, contact Amy Shrake at 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.

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1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

For information about the league or season, contact league coordinator Scott Pedersen at 812-349-3774 or pederses@bloomington.in.gov or Chelsea Price at 812-349-3769 or pricec@bloomington.in.gov.

Registration opens December 7.

#### Season III

This league focuses on basketball fundamentals and the application of learned skills during games for players in grades K through 6. All leagues are coed through grade 3; girls play in a girls-only league beginning in grade 4. Season includes weekly practices and games one night a week. The season will conclude after seven games, with no postseason tournament. Teams practice two nights a week for the first two weeks of the season, then one night a week for the remainder of the season. Practice times and days are determined by the coach. Times can vary between 5:30-9:30 p.m. based on the volunteer coach's schedule. Parent/player requests for placement on specific teams are not accepted. All requests must be submitted by volunteer coaches.

Season runs January 14-March 7. Practices begin the week of January 14. Games begin the week of January 28. Registration deadline is January 4. Registrations are not accepted after the deadline.

Expect to play on Saturdays throughout the season in an effort to finish prior to Spring Break. Spaces are limited to a maximum number of players per age group. Once the maximum number of players is reached for each league, registration for that league will close. If your child's league fills, you may opt to place your child's name on a wait list. We will contact you if space becomes available.

Leagues, Game Days, and Registration Codes Grade K • W • 150301-A Grade 1 • M • 150301-B Grade 2 • Tu • 150301-C Grade 3 • W • 150301-D Grade 4 Boys • Tu • 150301-E Grade 5 Boys • Tu • 150301-F Grade 6 Boys • M • 150301-G Grades 4-6 Girls • Th • 150301-H \$85 • Register by 1/4.

#### **REQUIRED Evaluation Day:**

To ensure a fair and equitable distribution of skills per team, we will conduct a coach's draft. Each player must attend

a skill evaluation session.

These mandatory sessions are: Grade K • 1/7 • 5:30 p.m. Grade 1 • 1/7 • 6:30 p.m. Grade 2 • 1/7 • 6:30 p.m. Grade 3 • 1/7 • 7 p.m. Grade 4 Boys • 1/8 • 6 p.m. Grade 5 Boys • 1/8 • 6:30 p.m. Grade 6 Boys • 1/8 • 7 p.m. Grade 4-6 Girls • 1/8 • 5:30 p.m. Make-up session 1/9 • 6 p.m.

**COACHES NEEDED:** If interested in volunteer coaching, visit bloomington.in.gov/parksvol.

Deadline to apply to be a volunteer coach is Jan. 4.

Mandatory coaches meeting and draft: Selected coaches must attend Wednesday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center.

All selected coaches must complete an annual online coaching certification course from the National Youth Sports Coaches Association at nays.org. Registration fee for the course is \$20.



## Nature and the Outdoors Price is per person. **Children under age 12 yrs. must be**

accompanied by a registered adult. Activities may be both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

#### Winter Freeze Tree ID

Don't let a lack of leaves keep you from identifying the trees on your next winter hike. Learn how differences in bark, buds, growth habits, and even scent hold the keys to unlocking the names of trees during times of leaf-off. Dress for the weather and expect about a one-mile hike. Participants are encouraged to bring photos or fresh samples from trees at home to identify. Instructor: Morgan Scherer Su 1/13 • 2-3:30 p.m. • Register by 1/4 • 140002-A \$3/in-city, \$4/non-city • For all ages. Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, 3300 N. Headley Rd.— Meet at boathouse.

This class focuses on coordination, discipline and self-confidence in a fun and safe environment. Excel TKD is taught by Master Emeline O'Connor, a 4th-degree black belt with more than 20 years of experience. Some of her achievements include multiple National and Junior Olympic Championships in the AAU and USSSA organizations, AAU and USSSA National team member, and the first woman to be inducted in the USSSA Hall of Fame. The ultimate goal at Excel TKD is to mold future black belts into the best martial artists they can be. Instructor: Emeline O'Connor

Beginner—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

1/8-2/21 • Register by 1/13 • 150212-A

Advanced—Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

1/8-2/21 • Register by 3/10 • 150212-C

\$65 • For all ages. • Registration opens December 7. Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

### OVIES IN THE PARKS: WINTER EDITION

Bloomington Parks and Recreation and the Ryder Film Series present movies on the big screen. The movies have a rating of PG; we request your assistance in determining if they are appropriate for your family.



The Lorax (2012—PG) Friday, January 18 • 6 p.m. FREE admission

Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.



The Mighty Ducks (1992—PG) Saturday, January 26 • 1:30 p.m. Admission: \$6/person, \$3/skate rental Frank Southern Ice Arena, 2100 S. Henderson St.

2100 S. Henderson St. • Open October 12-March 1 Ice Information Hotline: 812-349-3741

#### **Public Skating**

The ice arena is open for general admission public skating during these times:

Monday through Friday: Noon-2:30 p.m. Friday: 7-9 p.m.

**Saturday:** 1:30-3 p.m. 7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating) 9:15-11 p.m. (Night Owl)

**Sunday:** 3-5 p.m.

Rates

**General Admission: \$6** 

Skate Rental: \$3

New Skate Sharpening: \$10

**Skate Sharpening:** \$6 and \$7 (immediate service) **Economy Pass:** \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)

#### **Holiday Public Skating Schedule**

DECEMBER						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
16 reg. hours	17 reg. hours	18 reg. hours	19 reg. hours	20 reg. hours	21 reg. hours	<b>22</b> noon-6 p.m.
23 noon-6 p.m.	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26	27 noon-6 p.m.	28	29
30	<b>31</b> noon-4 p.m.	CLOSED	noon o pinn	поси о риш	noon o pinn	noon o pinn
JANUARY						
Su	М	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1 CLOSED	2 noon-6 p.m.	3 noon-6 p.m.	<b>4</b> noon-6 p.m.	5 noon-6 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
noon-6 p.m.	reg. hours	reg. hours	reg. hours	reg. hours	reg. hours	reg. hours



Frank Southern Ice Arena presents weekly ice skating lessons for all ages and ability levels!

#### Session II

Eight 30-minute classes and eight 30-minute scheduled practice times

Thursdays: January 10-February 28 Fridays: January 11-March 1 Saturdays: January 12-March 2

\$75/in-city, \$85/non-city

Registration opens December 7. Register by January 9.

812-349-3740 bloomington.in.gov/skatingschool





Saturday, December 15 1:30-3 p.m. • For all ages.

\$6 per person • \$3 skate rental Celebrate the holidays on the ice with Santa and his elves.

Photo ops are available along with cookies and punch. Come dressed in your best ugly holiday sweater for a chance to win prizes!

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## Party Room Rentals

Rent the rinkside party room for your next birthday, holiday, company party, or just for a group of friends. Call 812-349-3762 for more information or to make a reservation.

## HACKEY INITIATION SESSION II



Sundays, January 13– February 17 1:45-2:45 p.m. For ages 5–14 yrs.

A safe and positive experience for beginning hockey players! The primary focus of instruction is on correct skating, puck introduction, active games, and hockey basics.

> **Equipment required:** a bicycle helmet, any type of gloves, and a hockey stick.

\$50/in-city, \$55/non-city Registration opens 12/7. Register by 1/11.